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Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 2:00 PM
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**Subject:** [External] Re: Docket. No. 2019-226-E -- South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill

3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource

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#### Good Afternoon Ms. Wessinger-Hill:

On behalf of the Sierra Club I am responding to your request regarding the parties availability to hold the week of October 12th as an alternate hearing date for the DESC IRP hearing. I noticed in your email, which was forwarded to me by Bob Guild, that my email address is spelled incorrectly (the "a" was left off of Sierra), therefore I am not receiving any of the correspondence between the parties. If you could please correct my email address to: <a href="mailto:dori.jaffe@sierraclub.org">dori.jaffe@sierraclub.org</a> I would greatly appreciate it (it is also incorrect on the docket email list).

With respect to the alternative hearing dates, the Sierra Club and its expert witness are available the week of October 12th but we echo the concerns raised by the other parties of (1) not having a date certain for the IRP hearing, which is essential in preparing for the hearing; and (2) the shortened time-frame to prepare for the hearing if DESC's request for a 2 week extension is granted. At this point, we do not know the breadth or scope of the revisions DESC will make to the IRP, so it is impossible to gauge the impacts that will have on not only preparing our sur-rebuttal testimony but also preparing for the hearing. If the hearing were to be held on September 21 (just 3 days after our sur-rebuttal testimony is due) the parties will not only be at a disadvantage, but questions that might have been answered through discovery, will likely have to be done on cross-examination due to the limited time to conduct discovery between the filing of DESC's rebuttal and our sur-rebuttal. This could make the hearing less efficient and take longer than if we had time to adequately prepare. Therefore, we request that the Commission set a date certain for the hearing as soon as possible so all parties can plan accordingly.

The Sierra Club also plans to file a letter today expressing our concerns with DESC's proposed extension request and how that impacts the scheduling of the hearing.

Regards

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On Fri, Aug 7, 2020 at 1:26 PM Bob Guild < bguild@mindspring.com > wrote:

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This email was dictated by Richard Whitt:

Ms. Wessinger-Hill:

- 1. I am writing to you on behalf of the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc. ("SCSBA") and this email is responsive to your email regarding availability for the DESC IRP Hearing.
- I would like to call your attention to the impact of DESC's requested testimony extension, which moves the parties surrebuttal to 9/18, and could necessitate a further extension, depending on the scope and scale of DESC's IRP revisions that they intend to file as part of their rebuttal testimony.
- 3. This makes the week of 9/21 unworkable and SCSBA suggests a date of 10/19, at the earliest, to be preferable.
- 4. Finally, we reiterate DESC, CCL and SACE's counsel's recommendation that the Commission set a date certain for the Hearing, as soon as possible. It may prove unworkable to have our expert witness hold his schedule open for two different time periods.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Whitt, As Counsel for SCSBA. From: Wessinger-Hill, JoAnne [mailto:JoAnne.Hill@psc.sc.gov]

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## Dear Parties of Record:

Please respond no later than Friday, August 7, 2020 regarding availability for you and your witnesses regarding the week of October 12th thru October 16th for the hearing in this **Docket.** The hearing is expected to be conducted virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic and related health risks. If you believe more than five (5) hearing days are needed, please advise and proceed to provide availability information for the following week (October 19th thru October 23rd). I have checked and no counsel or

Commissioner has requested protection for either of those two weeks in October. Currently the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> is set aside for the hearing in this Docket.

Remember to "reply all" when communicating with any Commission staff to avoid any *ex parte* communication; however, communications between parties only and without Commission staff are not *ex parte*.

REMEMBER: However, do not release the currently schedule hearing dates on your calendar (9/21-9/30) as the Commission would like to hear the matter at that time if possible.

With kind regards, I am

Jo Anne Wessinger Hill

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## Dear Parties of Record:

In regards to the upcoming hearing scheduled in this Docket to begin on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., and on behalf of the Commission, I am requesting that an alternate week be set aside in this matter as the South Carolina General Assembly has elections for Public Service Commission Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 planned for Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

Please check your calendars for the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> thru October 16<sup>th</sup> and advise regarding availability of you and your witnesses for the hearing in this docket at that time; however, do not release the currently schedule hearing dates on your calendar (9/21-9/30) as the

# Commission would like to hear the matter at that time if

possible. The September hearing date will be an alternate reserved hearing date should the General Assembly not hold elections for the four referenced seats of the Public Service Commission in accordance with the Sine Die Resolution S.1126 or the State Regulation of the Public utilities Review Committee (PURC).

The Sine Die Resolution provides that the General Assembly will return on September 15th and it is expected to address budget matters first during that week. (i.e., Section (D) of the Resolution states "...the General Assembly shall stand in recess to meet in statewide session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 12:00 noon and continue in statewide session, if necessary, until not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020...."). If the General Assembly does not hold a Joint Assembly for the election of judicial offices, college boards, trustees, and public service commissioners as planned, it would be known closer to the time near that of the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

It is important to plan that the hearing in this docket will be moved by a couple of weeks to accommodate the change due to commissioner elections; however, due to statutory guidelines and limitations on this matter, the Commission is limited in its options and your accommodation is appreciated. It is expected that this hearing will be moved to October. If the elections are not held in September as planned, the Commission wants to have the option for hearing to proceed as originally planned – which is why you are being asked at this time to continue to hold those September dates until otherwise advised to release them.

No changes in the procedural schedule are being proposed or needed related to this hearing date change. (i.e., prefiled Rebuttal Testimony due on August 14, 2020, or prefiled Surrebuttal Testimony due on September 4, 2020).

Please (1) keep the current hearing date for week of September 21<sup>st</sup> reserved until advised to release such hearing date and (2) advise of the availability for the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> thru October 16<sup>th</sup>. Remember the hearing in this Docket whether in September or October is expected at this time to be conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related risks.

Thank you for your consideration.

With kind regards, I am

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